

Environment & Energy Commission

City of Columbia & Boone County

Daniel Boone Building, Mezzanine Conference Room

Minutes of Tuesday, December 18, 2007

Present: Frank Cunningham, John Miles, Alyce Turner, Teresa Hunter, Jean Sax, Bob Walters, Barbara Buffaloe, Kip Kendrick, Dan Goldstein

Absent: David Brodsky, Ted Dyer

Guests: Terry Freeman, Water and Light; Dick Parker, Power Supply Task Force; Kay Hunvald, League of Women Voters

City Staff Liaison: Stephanie Brown

1. Mr. Cunningham called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.
2. Agenda. The agenda was approved with changes.
3. Minutes. The minutes were approved with no changes.
4. Home Performance with Energy Star. Terry Freeman, Residential Services Manager with Water and Light, provided information on the Home Performance with Energy Star (HPwES) program. He said the HPwES program was an EPA Program sponsored by MO Department of Natural Resources. The program will provide training for contractors to perform energy assessments, or whole house energy audits, for existing homes. The audit would qualify homeowners for rebates offered by Columbia Water and Light (CWL). Incentives will also be offered to contractors for participating in the program. Mr. Freeman said CWL will provide yearly training. He said the assessments will cost the home owner \$400 to \$500. The commissioners expressed concern regarding cost.
5. Power Supply Task Force. Public comments have been assessed. The draft of the Integrated Resource Plan (IRP), done by Burns and McDonnell, is scheduled to be completed in February or March.
6. Land Disturbance and Tree Ordinance Issues. Mr. Cunningham attended a Council work session in which land disturbance was discussed. He said Karl Skala had some previously discussed issues directed at John Glascock. Mr. Cunningham sent an email to Mr. Glascock but has not received a response yet. Mr. Cunningham had some questions relating to the tree ordinance topic. He wanted some background information the City Council. The sub-committee assigned review the subject of a tree ordinance will meet with Mr. Glascock and various members of the City Council. Ms. Sax will talk to Barbara Hoppe and Jerry Wade of the City Council. Mr. Walters will focus on the two letters as well as talk to Mr. Glascock. Mr. Goldstein has been added as a member to the sub-committee.
7. EEC topics to focus on. Mr. Cunningham would like the Commission to figure out what the group can produce beyond what has been requested. The top three topics chosen by the Commissioners were 1) report card on city performances of the Mayors Climate Protection Agreement, 2) energy conservation, and 3) benchmark of residential utility usage in comparison with other similar cities. Mr.

- Cunningham asked for those that chose the report card to provide examples at the next meeting.
8. EEC Summary. Ms. Sax and Ms. Brown will work on providing dates for the items of the summary
 9. Street Lighting. Mr. Goldstein asked if other vendors have been contacted. Mr. Walters would like to know the liability laws associated with the street light fixtures. Mr. Cunningham recommended that the EEC urge the City Council to have CWL get test fixtures from other vendors.
 10. New School Locations. Mr. Cunningham said once the draft of the letter of suggestions to the school district is completed he will distribute it to the Commissioners for review. Mr. Cunningham said the elementary school will have little opportunity to take advantage of the daylight.
 11. Announcements and Comments. Ms. Buffaloe went to the Landfill to Gas Plant dedication which had about 100 guests. She said this was a progressive thing for the City. Mr. Miles inquired of the status of the Visioning process. Mr. Goldstein said the report was approved December 18 and will be presented in January. Mr. Miles suggested identifying the active projects, the objective and leader of the effort that the EEC is currently working on. Each leader will give a short description of the subject and send it to Mr. Cunningham or Ms. Brown. Ms. Turner announced that the one year birthday celebration of the smoking ban will be January 9, 2008 at the Blue Note from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
 12. The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

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